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## Student-regent runoff to be held this month

One vote really did make a difference, at least in last week's Student Government elections: Student President/Regent candidate Jim Corson, a UNO student senator, placed first with 226 votes; second-place finisher Mike DeBolt received 225 votes. Brad Kaciewicz, also a student senator, was third with 207 votes.

A runoff election between Corson, a senior majoring in accounting, and DeBolt, a senior elementary-education major, will be held, but the date had not been confirmed. Dan Brodkey student election commissioner, said the runoff might be held Monday, Nov. 19.

The runoff election cannot be held until the election results are certified and polling-place equipment (voting booths and ballot boxes) becomes available after the Nov. 6 general election. Student Government obtains the equipment from the Douglas County Election Commissioner's office for a \$600 refundable deposit, according to Don Carlson, Student Senate secretary.

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Certification of election results means the student election commissioner, and all electioncommission members, must attest to the validity of the results. The certified results are then sent to University officials, including NU President Ronald Roskens and UNO Chancellor Del

"There definitely won't be a runoff next week," Carlson said Friday, but it must be held within 30 days following the general student elections, he added.

A total of 741 votes were cast in the studentregent election. Brian Mack received 54 votes, 27 votes were classified as "void" (because of improperly filled-out ballots, for example), and two votes were cast for write-in candidates.

Referendums pass

Students also approved all five referendums on the ballot. Voters again supported using part of student fees to fund a portion of The Gateways' budget; this was passed 512 votes to 204

The use of student fees to support Student

Programming Organization's campus-speakers program was also approved, 548 to 171. With the passage of Referendum No. 3, Student-Government officers will continue to be paid with student funds. The vote was 480 to 237.

By a vote of 567 to 133, the referendum supporting the Nebraska State Students Association (NSSA) was passed. "NSSA got its best support ever," Carlson said.

Announcing election dates earlier, and perhaps increasing the election commissioner's salary, might increase voter turnout.

-Carlson

Finally, students approved allocation of a part of student fees to fund possible release of UNO students' names to an organization which would determine interest in a UNO yearbook. This measure passed 498 to 204.

Fewer students vote

Voter turnout (4.9 percent) was down from the past two years, according to Carlson. In 1982, approximately 1,025 students voted at UNO, and about 1,100 voted last year, he said.

In the Student Senate races, two freshmanclass seats were the most hotly contested. From a field of seven candidates. Tony Kiehn and Geoff Eriksen were elected with 70 and 57 votes, respectively. Tammy McDonald and Mindy Carroll placed a close third and fourth with 54 and 53 votes, respectively. Farther back were: Marshall Miranda, 46 votes; Greg Gunderson, 38 votes; and Greg Gordon, 31

Two junior-class senate seats were available, but only one candidate ran. Junior Alphonso McKnight was elected with 119 votes. Kaciewicz also received three write-in votes for junior senator. He said Sunday he was undecided about returning to the senate. His write-in votes give him that option.

Sen. Pete Adler will be returning as a seniorclass senator; he received 136 votes. Also elected a senior senator was Melanie Burke-Mills, who garnered 132 votes. They were the only candidates for two senior seats.

Four candidates vied for two available sophomore-class seats; none were incumbents. Karen Faller and Jim Carter were elected with 86 and 58 votes, respectively. John Nimmer and



#### Bonzo's buddy re-elected

The 40th president of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan, made a brief campaign visit to Winterset, Iowa Saturday. Tuesday, he was returned to the White House for "four more years," proving H. L. Mencken's theory correct that "nobody ever went broke under-estimating the intelligence of the American public.'

Toni Rodgers were not elected; they tied for third place with 50 votes each.

College representatives

Five candidates were in contention for four seats representing the College of Business Administration (CBA). Incumbent Sen. Jim Weisbecker a junior, was re-elected, placing third with 130 votes. Krista Malcolm, a freshman, finished first with 152 votes. Sophomore Kay Hutchens was second with 134 votes. Placing fourth was sophomore Mike Drelicharz, with 123 votes. CBA candidate Fawn Jardee, a freshman, was not elected; she got 96 votes.

Five candidates competed for four Arts and Sciences seats. Elected were incumbents Pegeen Reilly (a sophomore who was appointed earlier this semester to a vacant senate seat) with 281 votes, and sophomore Tracy Wernsman, who received 183 votes. Placing third in the Arts and Sciences race was junior John Spethman, with 153 votes. Spethman, though not an incumbent, is a former student senator.

Incumbent Arts and Sciences Sen. Jim Gulizia, a senior, was re-elected with 152 votes. Not elected was freshman John Majorek, who received 137 votes.

No one campaigned for the College of Home Economics senate seat. Incumbent Marilyn Kuttler tied with Patty Duffy, Karen L. Jones and Beth Ann Skamser each received one vote. (Continued on page 2)

Corson wins by one vote

## Candidates react to UNO election

Last week's near tie between UNO Student Regent candidates Jim Corson and Mike DeBolt will result in a runoff election between the two. The date of the runoff had not been announced as of Sunday, but Election Commissioner Dan Brodkey mentioned Nov. 19 as a possible date.

Corson received 226 votes to DeBolt's 225. "I was happy," Corson said of the results. He said he did not expect such a close race, nor did he expect Mike DeBolt to finish second.

Corson, presently a UNO student senator, said the endorsement and support of outgoing Student President/Regent Guy Mockelman was a definite advantage in his campaign. "I really appreciate Guy's help," Corson said. He added that Mockelman's suggestion that he run was instrumental in his decision to seek the post.

"I'm happy to be in a runoff. Second place is fine," DeBolt said. Although he had expected and hoped to come in first, DeBolt said being second could be an advantage. He said many people who might have supported him did not vote because they did not think their votes would matter.

His second-place finish "will serve as a motivator," Debolt said. Students who did not vote before will now realize that one vote does make a difference, he said.

Student Sen. Brad Kaciewicz, who will not be in the runoff election, was philosophical about his third-place showing: "That's the way the cookie crumbles," he said. Kaciewicz received 207 votes.

When asked his reaction to the close contest between Corson and DeBolt, Kaciewicz said: "I'm kind of biased. I'd hoped to

come out on top, so it's kind of hard for me to comment in relation to someone else.

"The whole reason I ran for student regent is because I felt I had reached my limit of productivity on the senate," he said. 'I wanted to continue projects begun in the senate, and bring them to reality as a student regent.'

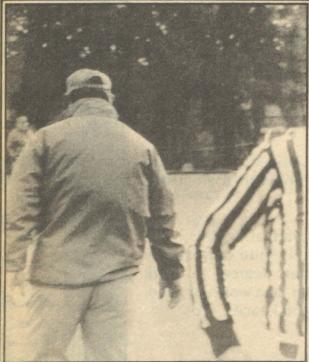
Kaciewicz, a two-term student senator, said Sunday he did not know if he would serve another term on the senate. He received three write-in votes for junior-class senator in last week's election. He said he would make his decision before senators are sworn in at the next Student Senate meeting, Nov.

Corson said he will campaign "as much as I can" before the runoff election. If elected student president/regent, Corson said one of the first issues on which he would concentrate would be improving the parking situation at Ak-Sar-Ben.

'Parking at Ak-Sar-Ben is terrible now," Corson said. He said he would propose rerouting the shuttlebus so students who park farther south would not have to walk so far to be picked up.

DeBolt also said he will be actively campaigning before the runoff election. He said he will "contact athletic groups and fraternities" in particular during his campaign.

DeBolt said he proposed a plan last year to increase studentelection participation in a discussion with UNO Chancellor Del Weber. DeBolt suggested that computerized ballots be distributed to students during class periods. While such a system would make voting easier, and would likely increase participation, "it would cost money," DeBolt said.



Barb Stanislav

#### Sandy's back

Sandy Buda, UNO head football coach, returned to the sidelines Saturday at the UNO-St. Cloud game at Caniglia Field. It was Buda's first sideline appearance in three weeks due to a heart ailment. For the game story, see page 6.

#### Students, faculty compete in pursuit of trivial knowledge

By DINA KALUZA

So you think you know your trivia? How many people were born at Woodstock?

Two. You can have other chances to put your trivia talent to the test Dec. 5 in the Student-Faculty Trivia Challenge, a benefit for radio station KVNO.

Any student in good standing (2.00 GPA) can form a team, consisting of six designated team members and three alternates. The entry fee is \$5 per person, or \$1 per person if contestants want to be on a team but can't get enough people together. In that case, entrants can be matched to a team by notifying Greg Gordon, vice-president of the College Republicans, sponsor of the Trivia Challenge. The Challenge is a non-partisan event.

Students need to complete a team application form, available at the customer service counter in the Bookstore, by Friday, Nov. 9. Elimination rounds of student teams will begin after Nov. 10 and run until Dec. 4. The Student-Faculty Trivia Challenge will be held Dec. 5, The winning team will be awarded a trophy, to go on display in the Milo Bail Student Center, and designated team members will each receive a medal.

But before the winning team members can collect the trophy,

they have to earn it by answering 100 questions from any of nine categories. The categories cover such basic subjects as science, history, georgraphy, art and literature, to sports, politics, and entertainment. Also included are questions on World

To win, a team must be at least two points ahead of the other team. In the event of a tie, a multiple-answer tie-breaking question will be given. All questions must be answered by the team captain within 30 seconds. If a debate should arise concerning the answer to a question, the answer accepted must match the answer determined by the judges.

The Student-Faculty Trivia Challenge is the "first of hopefully many more," said Brian Ackley, production manager at KVNO.

KVNO has been the sponsor of trivia contests in the past. The first trivia contest was last fall, and was a spin-off from a call-in trivia program aired every Wednesday on KVNO. That effort brought KVNO between \$300-400. The next trivia contest was held this spring, to coincide with the spring membership drive, and netted \$1,200. Ackley said KVNO receives 55 percent of its funding from listeners, membership drives or activities such as the trivia contest.

Ackley said the KVNO trivia contests "exposed a lot of people" to the benefit of such contests. He said the radio station is a "trivia capital."

"We were the first radio station to be actively involved in trivia before the trivia craze," Ackley added.

But profit is not the only reason KVNO holds trivia contests. They are "fun" and "facillitate involvement," Ackley said. The idea for a student-faculty challenge is to give students and faculty members a chance to work together out of the familiar setting of the classroom.

'Students always try to get information from faculty. In school, you learn things of significance," Ackley said. But people also "pick up insignificant things everywhere," he added.

A trivia challenge is a good opportunity to discover just how many "insignificant" facts one really knows. "People don't know what they know. (They) don't realize their unique ability to retain this stuff," Ackley said.

The contest deadline for entries is Friday, Nov. 9. Team captains will need to attend a meeting where rules for the contest will be explained in depth. The contest will be held in the Performing Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Student organizations are encouraged to form representative teams.

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Carlson said Kuttler will not be returning to the senate. A candidate will be appointed by a vote of the senate.

Incumbent Sen. Allison Brown was the only candidate for the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS) seat. She was reelected with 25 votes.

Incumbent Senators Mary Atwood and Cec King were the candidates for two College of Education seats. They won re-election with 56 and 46 votes, respectively.

The sole candidate for the College of Fine Arts seat was Kim Smulling, who was elected with 13 votes. Elected to two available seats representing the College of Continuing Studies were Michael Gaebel (32 votes) and Al Fortezzo III (27 votes).

Incumbent Sen. Jerald Hohndorf was reelected with five votes; he will represent the Graduate College. Also winning election to Graduate College seats were John Lastovica (four votes) and Kenn Morraitz (three votes).

Tom Loughran and Mark Mainelli vied for

two College-of-Engineering seats. Loughran re- commissioner is presently appointed in the fall ceived 32 votes, Mainelli got 31.

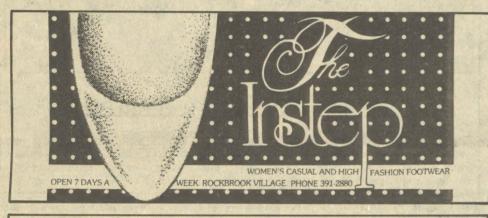
Increasing voter turnout

Carlson said low student-voter turnout seems to be an inherent problem on large college and university campuses.

However, he suggested some possible solutions to increase voter turnout. Appointing the student election commissioner in the spring might help, he said, because it would give the commissioner more time to prepare for and publicize the elections. The student election

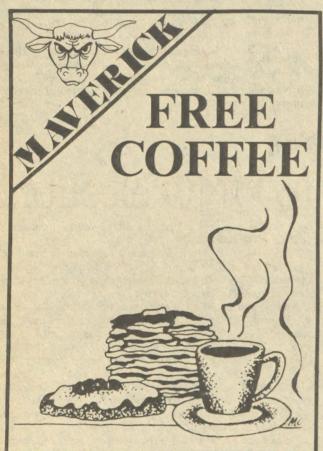
semester, approximately one month before elections.

"You need to publicize well in advance" that these senate seats are available, Carlson said. He said that announcing election dates in the summer, and perhaps increasing the commissiner's salary (currently \$100) in accordance with his extended duties, could improve voter turnout. In this way, the commissioner could concentrate strictly on publicizing the election in the fall, Carlson said.



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### Expensive Aussie racing film, 'Phar Lap,' just a nag

Everyone loves an underdog. This worn-out philosophy appears to be the basis for Australia's most expensive film, "Phar Lan"

"Phar Lap" is the true story of an ugly racehorse that becomes an Australian national hero. The story begins in 1928, when struggling trainer Harry Telford (Martin Vaughan) purchases the nameless racehorse sight unseen. Telford's desperate desire to train a champion allows him to look past the animal's wart-covered exterior and hope for a winner.

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American businessman Dave Davis (Ron Leibman) describes the animal as "a cross between a sheepdog and a kangaroo." Davis, who had advanced the money for the purchase, immediately wants to sell the horse, but finally agrees to lease him to Telford for three years.

The horse shows very little initial promise and is jokingly named Phar Lap, a Siamese word for "lightning." A series of embarrassing losses convince Telford the horse is lazy, and creates the need for a series of Rocky-like training scenes, complete with slow-motion and theme music. Telford eventually works the horse into a broken-down state of exhaustion.

Telford's harsh methods meet with the outspoken disapproval of stableboy Tommy Woodcock (Tom Burlinson). A strong



Boy meets horse . . . Tommy Woodcock played by Tom Burlinson tends to Phar Lap.

friendship soon develops between Woodcock and Phar Lap. Woodcock's encouragement sends the horse through a seem-

ingly endless series of wins and creates financial disaster for Australian bookmakers.

The film then plunges down a path of deceit, blackmail and attempted murder. Somewhere along the road, main character Woodcock seems to get lost.

Director Simon Wincer downplays the relationship between Woodcock and Phar Lap in a attempt to avoid sappy sentimentality. Instead, he concentrates on the selfish desires of Telford and Davis. However, in doing so, he turns the horse into little more than a prop and leaves the viewer searching for a clearcut protagonist.

The film is largely lacking in likeable characters, which seems to create a sense of viewer apathy. Even Woodcock, Phar Lap's only friend, emerges as a suit-sporting know-it-all. This lack of likeable characters prevents a potentially emotional ending from working.

Despite its tendency to drag, "Phar Lap" does provide the viewer with an occasional visual treat. The race scenes are a thrill to watch and provide the film with its only sense of tension. Credit should also be given to costume designer Anna Senior for recreating the Depression-era clothing.

However, all things considered, "Phar Lap" never quite makes it in the money.

"Phar Lap" is showing at the Q-Cinema 6, Midlands 4 and Maplewood 2 theaters.

-PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

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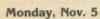






#### UNO ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK Nov. 5-9, 1984

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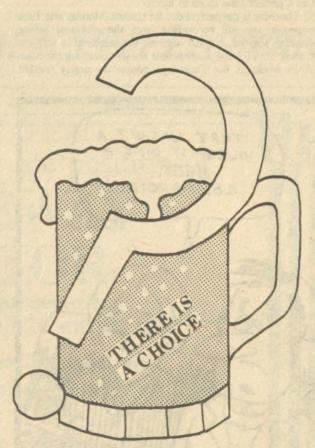
Alcohol Use and Abuse (College Survival Seminar)
Noon-1 p.m. Council Room MBSC
ESS In-Service — Dodge Room 2 p.m.
"Know When to Say When" — A brief discussion

"Know When to Say When" — A brief discussion facilitated by Rusty Crawford.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Information Booth sponsored by UNO Fraternities and Sororities 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Octagon MBSC Alcohol Use and Abuse (College Survival Seminar)

Noon-1 p.m. Council Room MBSC



Thursday, Nov. 8

"Survival Strategies Improvo Group" from Creighton University 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (sociodrama group) Nebraska Room — 2nd Floor, MBSC

Friday, Nov. 9
Adult Children of Alcoholics — Panel and Discussion
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Gallery Room MBSC

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## Comment

#### Against the wind

The day after a bomb hits usually finds people in a state of shock. The magnitude of the blast increases proportionally by the depth of its unexpectedness.

Yesterday, when the conservative forces swept to victory in the presidential election, the shock wave here was considerably lessened by the polls' forecast of such an outcome. Like an accurate hurricane prediction, the polls touting Reagan's victory gave fair warning and provided a chance to batten down the hatches and ride out the storm.

Not that the ill wind blows any less hard because we prepared for its coming, but knowing the probable situation allows one to make contingency plans for the future. The time is now to discuss basic common sense procedures for surviving the howling fury of Hurricane Ronnie.

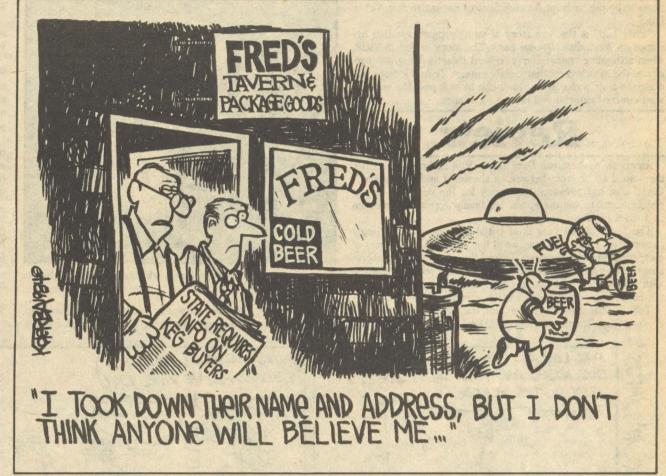
Due to the constraints of our editorial deadline, it's as yet impossible to see how much damage has been inflicted on Capitol Hill. It's safe to assume the House of Representatives still remains in the hands of the Democrats.

This traditional stronghold of liberal values will continue to oppose cutbacks in Social Security, education and increases in war department funds. (I know they call it the defense department, but come on, what does "MX missile" bring to mind? Peace?)

But representatives will need our help to stand up for social programs and against a devouring military lobby. We can do this by paying even closer attention to the issues and let our representatives know you're watching. It's amazing what constituency mail can do to a vote.

Remember also, the media has been a faithful watchdog for the Republic for more than 200 years. Use its resources to combat insensitive administration.

**—KEVIN COLE** 



#### Carte blanche By Chris Mangen

#### Timely advice

I was sitting in class the other day, when the professor started going off on one of his tangents. Although the class is listed as a science class, some day it's more like a philosophy of living class, with the prof offering nuggets of wisdom on everyday life.

Today, somehow, he had gotten on to the subject of what time of day to take classes.

Never, never take a class at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, he was saving.

Most people in the class, including the professor, will have just finished eating lunch and will be tired, he said. And, I thought, those who hadn't eaten yet would just be waiting to get out of class and to some grub.

As I thought of the 1 o'clock classes I had taken over the years, I couldn't remember one that was really stimulating.

He was right, everyone in the 1 o'clock classes seemed tired and irritable, as if they were upset they couldn't let their food digest in peace, without some academician expounding on some topic they did not *even* care about.

And the professors seemed to have the same slightly bored/irritated attitude the students had.

In fact, this semester, the prof of my 1 o'clock class said the class was the deadest he'd ever had, and he couldn't figure out

why. Wow, I thought. This theory rings true.

But he wasn't finished yet. Perhaps he sensed that the classes was slightly in awe of this particular budget of wisdom, or maybe he just didn't want to get back to the dry material of the class.

For whatever reason, he went on.

Never, never, he said, take a class at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. People in the class will have just gotten off work, and will have had to skip dinner. They'll be cranky, he said.

Well, that rang true, too, but it prompted me to think: Is there a good time to take a class?

After much soul searching, I think I can without hestitation say there is: 11 a.m. Thursday morning.

It's the ideal time to take classes for many reasons:

1.) Persons in the class have had enough time to let their breakfast digest.

2.) It's not time for lunch yet, and, in fact, the class would

end at a perfect time to go to lunch.

3.) Thursday is the perfect day for classes. Monday and Tuesday, people are still recovering from the weekend before. Wednesday they're irritated because the weekend is still two days away. And Friday, many people are just counting the hours until the weekend. But Thursdays, people are pretty content.

They've recovered from the previous weekend, and they're look-

ing forward to the next one. They're in a good mood.

OK, you're saying, that may be a good time to take a class. But it's hard to get through school in a reasonable amount of time if you can only take classes at 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Isn't there any other time?

I don't think so.

As I've explained, Thursday is the only day worth taking classes.

And any time before 11 a.m. is too early. People will be sleeping through class, or at least daydreaming about being back in bed.

During noontime classes, you'll have trouble hearing the professor over the roar of rumbling stomachs.

And you know about 1 p.m. classes.

Later afternoon? No way, people are too tired.

Evening classes? Again, no way. Of course, the prof gave the lowdown on 5 p.m. classes. But what about later ones?

I don't think that one's too hard to figure out. Let's put it this way: Do you think people would rather be listening to a World Civilization lecture, or watching "Mister T."

I rest my case.

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#### Op Ed -

#### In pursuit of just causes

## Prof wracks his brain for solution to 'grade inflation'

The writer is an assistant professor of communication at the University of Nebraska (Omaha). His latest book is "This New Man, the American: Ideas, Experience, Imagination, 1600-1800" (Gambit, in press).

Like many another professor, I've been bedeviled by the continuing phenomenon widely known on campus as "grade inflation." We, those who award these badges of academic honor or disrepute, find ourselves in a vise between administrators and students, each group applying its own self-interested wisdom on the question of whether grades ought to be lower, or higher.

A student always has a compelling reason for raising a grade a notch. And it is you, dear professor, who have taught them to examine issues, raise questions, and so forth, no? A student who can press an acute case for a better grade sometimes warms my heart.

In those distant days a decade and a half ago when I began my collegiate career to strains of "Where Have All the Flowes Gone?" the best grade barter on campus was the prospect of flunking out to Vietnam. Today, when the burning question is "Where Has All the Money Gone?" students press their case against the prospect of a life driving taxi cabs and washing dishes, or exercising their literacy applying for unemployment compensation.

Given such pressure, the "Gentleman's C" has become the

"Gentleperson's B." In 1970, all students' grade averages ranged slightly above 2.0; now, the averages at most universities are pressing 3.0.

At the University of Washington, where I took my B.A. and Ph.D., the administration thought it had an answer: replace letter grades with numerals. The letters were supposed to exercise some sort of magic in students' minds. Students soon learned to hustle tenths of a point just as effectively as plusses and minuses attached to letters. The University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Arts and Sciences now regards a "D" as a failing grade. The move seems to have done little but increase the number of students seeking to turn "Cs" into "Bs", to give themselves a little mote of breathing space away from the edge of apocalypse.

I have wracked my well-wrinkled brain for solutions to this problem, and I think I may have two. Each is not, however, without its imperfections.

First, we could try the "Argentinian Solution," so named because the Argentines do with a chronically inflating currency what we may be able to do with chronically ballooning gradepoint averages. They simply move the decimal point one place to the left now and then. If we could once in a while chop all 4.0 students down to a .4, the problem would be solved. It is true that everyone, even one's best students, would be flunking for a time, but what a spur to their intellects! They would hustle themselves back to decent (but not extravagant) grades in a semester or two. And, when grade points got out of hand again, the procedure could be repeated.

An alternative is the "U.S.D.A." method, by which we could give nearly everyone an "A", and still preserve a ranking system that would tell everyone just how much of an "A" he or she is worth. Eggs, you will remember, are graded with no small degree of hype: triple-A, Double-A, Single-A, and (for eggheads without yolks), B. Thus, AAA=4.0; AA=3.0; A=2.0; B=1.0. Such a system would fit in finely with our hype-conscious culture where, in the world of popular music, "great" now means no one has heard you play. To be a "superstar" means you may have cut a record, and a "legend" has probably sold a few copies, and heard his tune on the radio once or twice.

How about it? Can we come up with a system that simultaneously relieves the folks upstairs of the fear that priceless academic tradition will lie in ruins, and students of dread that anything less than a perfect grade will condemn them to lives of impoverished sloth?

- Bruce E. Johansen

## Basic social justice alien to Reagan's new beginning

By COLMAN McCARTHY

Burnsville, Minn. — Travel teaches. In this small sociable community a few miles south of Minneapolis, I have been learning more about the quiet crisis that is finding its murmurous way into American lives. For the past few months, I have visited a multitude of places and listened to a diversity of voices. If an economic recovery is going on, I haven't seen it.

Life remains perilous in the south Bronx, the nation's poorest congressional district where I spoke with counselors who try to comfort black and Hispanic families. There is little hope of a comeback among the unemployed copper miners in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In central Baltimore, displaced Appalachians who fled the coal fields for jobs in Northern industries are now seeing the last-hope factories close.

It is the same in Iowa: Farmers pushed off the land because of poor crop prices and debt went to work for John Deere only to find that company, the state's largest employer, laying off thousands of workers.

In central Florida, the elderly who spent their working lives contributing to the government for social programs now find those programs — like subsidized public housing — being eliminated or cut. The Wild Rose Hospitality House sheltered 500 homeless people last year in Ames, Iowa, where citizens in the past have known hardship but not abject destitution. Skid Row now intersects with Main Street. Here in Burnsville, I spoke with high-school students whose subconscious fears about their future — threats of nuclear war, unemployment — leave little

room in their hearts for optimism or altruism.

The one image that lingers with me is that each of these groups feels isolated in its pain. A natural coalition of anguish ought to exist, one that could be organized into a national political force. Instead of coalitions, there are containments. In Burnsville, a few of the activists in the local high school would like to have more say in their class schedules and curriculum. But they remember when similar efforts — petitions of protest — were made last year and nothing changed. Why try again?

The problems of suburban high-school kids are minor compared with the grief of fathers or mothers who can't feed their children or the elderly with no money for the utility bills. But as much as any national sentiment, "Why try again?" seems to express the subduing that has taken hold of the country. A myth is spreading that only the 1960s were a time of unrest. In fact, so were the 1970s. Farmers in Iowa and Minnesota told me of supporting their brothers who drove their rigs to Washington in 1979 to protest the imbalanced economics of raising America's food. Farmers, the only major group of businessmen in the country that must buy retail and sell wholesale, parked their vehicles on the Mall before the Capitol. They raised some dust and some hell

The politicans listened. But now, five years later, farm foreclosures continue, and rural America gets poorer. One hundred and fifty-six of the nation's 161 poorest counties are rural. According to the Rural Coaltion, "more than 25 million

rural people still lack adequate water-sewer systems ... But federal loans and grants for rural water-sewer systems have been cut in half sinced 1980."

At the same time that victimized citizens are unorganized in their pain, the documentation of that pain increases. Trustworthy and nonpartisan groups like the Children's Defense Fund, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Jobs with Peace Campaign and the Environmental Policy Center regularly pour forth information on the harm being done to citizens in the name of sound government. Ronald Reagan's triumph — so far — is to create the impression that he is caring for the nation's general interest. America is back, recovered and standing tall. Those who disagree — because the facts and realities disagree — are depicted as the enemies of national vitality.

This has become Reagan's major semantic deception. People who have justified claims to special consideration from the government, or even people like workers wanting to see the government enforce the health and safety laws in the workplace, are the special interests. Meaning the greedy interests. And Reagan poses as the national defender against them. "I question the need for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration," he said in 1980.

Reagan has made it appear that the normal democratic basics—social justice, economic security, investments in peace—are abnormal, and anyone advocating them too strenuously doesn't want to move forward with the new beginning.

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## Sports

## Big plays by UNO defense ignite 27-6 victory

Saturday afternoon, the UNO Mavericks beat St. Cloud University 27-6.

The game itself wasn't such a romp that it deserves such sleepy opening. Instead, someone else at Saturday's game gained all the attention.

When the Mavericks marched onto Caniglia Field, whispers raced through the stands. "Isn't that Coach Buda out there?" "That can't be Sandy, can it?" People looked through binoculars to get a better view

UNO Head Coach Sandy Buda was on the sideline. The fans' eyes weren't playing tricks on them. Buda underwent an angioplastic procedure for a heart ailment Wednesday in Kansas City. He was released from the hospital Friday with his doctor's permission to begin spending time at the office Monday.

Buda said he felt fine and being on hand for Saturday's game was a form of exercise for him. "Usually I do a workout on an exercise bike. I missed my workout this morning, so this is the make up," Buda said.

Buda didn't call any plays at the game. That was acting Head Coach Chuck Osberg's role again this week. "I was a spectator out there today. I walked up and down the sideline and watched the scoreboard." Buda added that he was so much a spectator Saturday that he was surprised he didn't have to pay to get in.

An estimated 6,200 attending the contest did pay to watch the Mavericks win their final home game of the season.

The Mavericks ranked No. 3 in NCAA Division II, still share the lead of the NCC top spot with North Dakota State. North Dakota State, ranked No. 1, whipped Morningside 42-7, upping its record to 7-1 in the conference and 8-1 overall

UNO's defense made its presence felt early Saturday, as senior nose guard Mark Murphy recovered a fumble, spoiling St. Cloud's first possession of the football.

On the Maverick's first offensive play, quarterback Randy Naran went for a bomb to sophomore receiver Terry Allen.

The fans and players leapt to their feet in anticipation of a possible touchdown catch. "The ball wasn't overthrown," Allen said. "The wind just carried it out of reach. I was running in time with the ball and all of a sudden it shot in front of me.

Once again, the Mav defense made a big play. This time on the first St. Cloud punt, senior cornerback Ray Stahla returned it 70 yards to the Huskie five-yard line. "I left my blocking. If I would've stayed behind Coleman (linebacker Keith Coleman) I may have had a touchdown," Stahla said.

'To tell you the truth," he added, "I thought I'd out run the defender, but after running 70 yards, I was beginning to get tired, and the defender caught me.

Ten yards and two plays after Stahla's return, senior fullback Brian Nelson bounced off three tackles and ran into the end zone, and UNO led 7-

Senior safety Daryl Peitzmeier sparked the next UNOscoring drive, intercepting a pass at the St. Cloud 39-yard line and returning it to the 25.

'We were in a hidden coverage," Peitzmeier said. "The quarterback was confused by this defense and threw the ball right to me.'

Nelson took it in again. This time on a wide sweep from the two-yard line, putting the Mavericks up 14-0 with 5:32 left in the first quarter.

St. Cloud played three quarterbacks. Seemingly, with each possession came a change at quarterback.

First it was Mark Sanchez, a former UNO quarterback. He sprained an ankle, so in

came Mike Leivermann. He couldn't seem to find his receivers. Down a notch further was Jeff Williams, a freshman from Min-

Williams seemed to be just what the struggling St. Cloud offense needed. Starting little slow at first, Williams out-ran and dodged UNO defenders on a 29-yard run to trim the UNO lead

UNO linebacker coach Tom Mueller said the constant changing of quarterbacks kept the defense guessing. "One was a passer, one was a runner, and one did a little bit of both," Mueller

Osberg said the Maverick offense had a little trouble executing during the second quarter. He said it tried to run three basic plays, but couldn't get a handle on the endzone.

In the second half, he said the offense stayed with the same plays until they began to work.

At the start of the third quarter, sophomore running back Steve Macaitis capped a 83-yard drive in nine plays with a quick



Barb Stanislav

Huskie in the pocket . . . St. Cloud quarterback Mike Leivermann prepares to pass against UNO. He was one of three quarterbacks to face a UNO defense.

36-yard screen pass from Naran, to put the Mavericks up 21-

"I had a good blocking into the end zone," Macaitis said. "I had to leap over one player who tried to cut my legs from under me, but the rest was clear.'

The Mavericks went on the scoreboard one more time before the contest was decided. A 55-yard march in six plays ended with a pitch to sophomore runningback Jeff Hardick. Hardick took the ball from the five-yard line and ran wide right for the

Naran passed for 166 yards, completing 12 of 24 passes with one interception.

Sophomore linebackers Darin Lintner and Keith Coleman led the defense with 13 and 12 tackles, respectively.

Buda said the win over St. Cloud puts the Mavericks "four quarters" away from a conference title and berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs that begin Nov. 24.





#### Bison beat UNO to finish first at volleyball tournament

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

UNO's volleyball team finished second in its invitational tournament this weekend, and its duo of junior middle hitters, Rene Rezac and Kathy Knudsen, both made the all-tournament team. But the mood Friday night was anything but happy.

"Sad," was the word Rezac used. Knudsen said the mood of the team was "frustrated."

UNO lost to North Central Conference rival North Dakota State 8-15, 8-15, The Bison, who lost seven matches to UNO's fourth-rated squad last year, have, in turn, beaten the Lady Mavs five straight times this year.

There will be a sixth meeting at UNO, Friday, at 8:30 p.m., during the pool phase of the NCC championships. A seventh match could also be held during the championship round Sat-

Both UNO and NDSU finished the round-robin tournament with identical 5-1 records. NDSU won the title by virtue of a tie-breaker. The Bison lost the least number of games, two, during the weekend; UNO lost three.

North Dakota State, however, dominated the Lady Mavs, UNO Coach Janice Kruger said. "North Dakota (State) knows us like a book," she said. "They know where our strengths and weaknesses are. They take it to us every time.

Bison Coach Donna Palivec said she was extremely pleased with her players' performance. "They played well," she said.

The No. 14 Bison came into town following their worst performance of the year. NDSU finished eighth of nine teams at the U.S.

Air Force Academy's "Premier" tournament Oct. 27-28.

'After being so humiliated last weekend," Palivec said, "we were really ready. I think it's made us tougher.'

No. 11 UNO finished fifth at that tournament, but felt it was the third-best team there, Kruger said.

The UNO players were convinced they were now ready to beat North Dakota State, Knudsen added.

"Everybody thought for sure we were going to win this weekend," she said

Nearly a half hour before the match was to begin, UNO went through its warmups confidently, smiling and joking. At 7:28 p.m., however, the atmosphere quickly changed.

During pregame defensive drills, Rezac suddenly crumpled to the floor. Her teammates stood in shock, as Knudsen helped Rezac over to UNO's bench. People began searching for trainer Denise Fandel.

Fandel said later that Rezac had a mild strain to her right ankle. She also said two factors minimized the injury: Rezac had injured the ankle before, and "she didn't land on anybody else."

After taping Rezac's ankle, Fandel ran her through an objective test. She had Rezac jump and tap the bottom of the east basketball backboard five times.

Then Rezac was asked to use the net that separated volleyball

courts No. 1 and No. 2 to practice middle-blocker maneuvers. With each landing, Rezac noticeably favored the right ankle as her teammates watched.

After taping Rezac's ankle and asking her to perform an ob-

jective skills test, Fandel allowed her to play, but the magic never returned to the UNO players' faces.

UNO fell behind early in both games. NDSU hitters found open areas consistently. Even more disturbing, Kruger said, was the Bison hitters' ability to shred UNO's double-block attempts.

'We needed a block," she said. Freshman jumper Lisa Lyons was inserted into the lineup to no avail.

After defeating Northeast Missouri State 15-11, 15-10 and Northwest Missouri State 15-7, 15-5, UNO faced the prospect of three difficult matches Saturday.

But UNO's disappointment vanished Saturday. UNO beat No. 10 St. Cloud State 15-13, 14-16, 15-9, Minnesota Duluth 15-7, 15-5, and No. 17 Central Missouri State 15-8, 15-13.

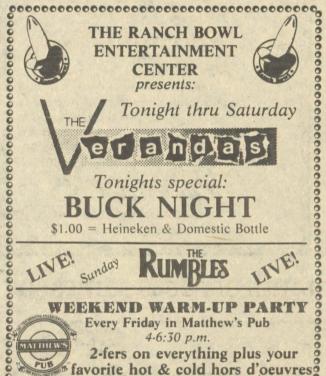
North Dakota State, which appeared so strong against UNO, was defeated by Central Missouri State 4-15, 15-4, 15-12 and was severely tested by Northwest Missouri State 16-14, 15-13.

Knudsen and Rezac were joined on the all-tournament team by Sue Walker, CMSU; Kathy Haakonson, Minnesota Duluth; Gretchen Hammond and Beth Mattson, both of NDSU. NWMSU's Mary Beth Bishop was selected most valuable player.

Northwest Missouri State came in third place followed by Central Missouri State, Minnesota Duluth, St. Cloud State and Northeast Missouri State.

The first matches of the conference tournament begin at 4 p.m., Friday. UNO opens against South Dakota. The NCC champion is automatically selected to play in the NCAA Division II







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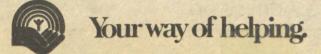
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### Marathoner keeps car parked; takes third-place finish

By KENNY WILLIAMS

UNO senior Mike Jones is a runner who believes in strategy. Jones finished third out of 750 runners in last Sunday's Omaha Riverfront Marathon.

"I figured if I just could just finish the race I could be in the top finishers," Jones said. "I hadn't really trained very much for it though, only about 40 to 50 miles per week."

If the race would have proved too grueling, Jones had another plan worked out.

"I had my car parked at the 21-mile mark," he said. "If I got to that point and couldn't finish, I was just going to drive away.

But at that point I was in third place, so I kept on going."
Finishing first was Virgil Tjeerdsma of Tyndall, S.D., with a time of 2:25:52. That time was nine minutes and two seconds shy of the course record set in 1981 by John Wellerding. Second place went to another South Dakota native, Randy Fischer from Sioux Falls, with a time of 2:27:55. Jones took the third place in 2:30:44 in a race that was only his second marathon. He finished 15th two years ago in the Omaha Marathon, with a time of 2:35.



Jones

Roger Tunis

This year's marathon was expected to be won by last year's champion, Omahan Tim Dooling. Dooling, a self-trained runner with no formal track experience, came out of nowhere to take last year's marathon with a time of 2:21:45. It was the first marathon Dooling ever attempted

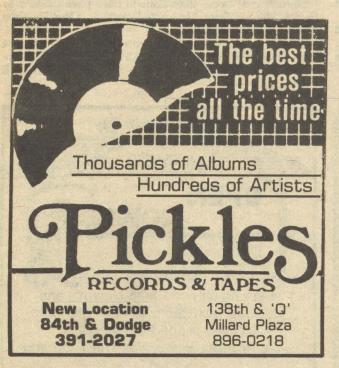
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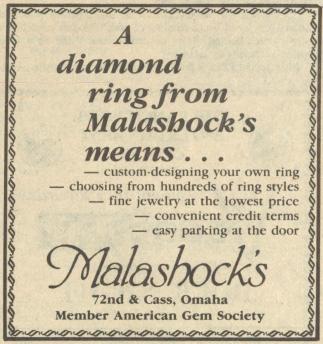
This year, he dropped out of the race at the 14-mile mark with foot problems. He was leading at the time, and was well on his way toward the record mark for the distance.

Jones said Dooling's shoe caused his problem.

"I have the same type of shoe and they are way too heavy, not at all suited for this type of race," Jones said. He added his feet were bothering him also, and said the toes on his left foot went numb and caused him some pain. The hard asphalt surface of the course also contributed to the foot problems, Jones said.

The race began at 8 a.m., at a starting point at 19th and Capitol Streets. The 26-mile, 285-yard course followed a northward route out of the city along Abbott and Pershing Drives, to a point of 17 miles at Ponca Road. the course then headed back, running along Pershing Drive to Florence Boulevard and on to the finish line inside the Civic Auditorium.







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